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24 August 1983

Dr. William R. Emerson
 Director
 Franklin D. Roosevelt Library
 Hyde Park, New York 12538

Dear Dr. Emerson:

The attached letter from [redacted], Chief, Archives and History, National Security Agency, requests that NSA's Chief Historian, [redacted] be given access to any CIA-controlled classified documents (e.g. OSS operational records) held at the Roosevelt Library. [redacted] letter also describes the area of [redacted] research.

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We understand that NSA will certify [redacted] Top Secret and compartmented information clearances directly to you. We are therefore glad to authorize [redacted] access to all CIA material at the level of his clearances or lower that is pertinent to his research.

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As indicated in paragraphs three and four of the enclosed "CIA Records Access Policy," [redacted] is free to take notes and make copies of documents, so long as the Roosevelt Library collects and sends these notes and copies to this office for review before release. We shall notify the Roosevelt Library of CIA's decisions with respect to all documents and notes reviewed.

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We are forwarding copies of this authorization to [redacted] NSA and to Dr. James E. O'Neill, Assistant Archivist for Presidential Libraries, National Archives and Records Service.

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With many thanks,

Yours sincerely,

/s/

J. Kenneth McDonald
 Chief Historian

Attachments

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NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
CENTRAL SECURITY SERVICE
FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755

Serial: T54-124-83
10 August 1983

Mr. J. Kenneth McDonald
Chief Historian
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. McDonald:

The History Program at NSA is charged with the responsibility of researching and writing the official history of U.S. cryptology. In conducting our research, we are seeking records which will document the evolution of U.S. cryptology organizationally, and the influence which cryptology, and the intelligence derived from cryptology, has had on the nation's history.

At this particular time, [redacted] our Agency Historian, is planning to visit the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library and would request that he be allowed to review those classified records which you control which relate to the use of communications intelligence (part of which was termed "Ultra") during the Roosevelt administration, particularly World War II.

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We would submit to any restrictions you might impose concerning review of notes or review of any manuscripts based on the notes. Our histories are highly classified and are intended primarily for use within NSA and the intelligence community. We may not even produce histories on all of the topics cited, but we would at least like to know what documentation exists and where it is.

We would appreciate your cooperation in this matter. We are making a valid effort to document the activities of the cryptologic profession for both practical and historical reasons. Your assistance would be appreciated. Perhaps there may even be opportunities for reciprocal access between the historians of our agencies.

Sincerely,

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and
History